

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Itzhak Bentwich

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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY  
BACTERIAL AND BACTERIAL  
ASSOCIATED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES  
AND USES THEREOF

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2007 (the "Office Action" hereafter), please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$1,050.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), which extends the deadline for filing a response to March 19, 2008.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this response; and **Remarks** begin at page 3.